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Title: Automated Data Warehouse For Demand Fulfillment System  
Serial No.: 09/847,244 Filing Date: May 1, 2001  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on May 1, 2001, serial number 09/847,244. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE

Please add "Kevin T. Jones" to the list of inventors.

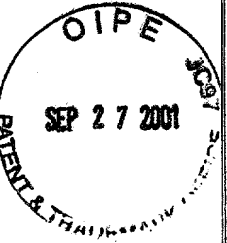
IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add "Kevin T. Jones" to the list of inventors.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 6 with the following replacement paragraph.

This application relates to application serial no. 09/774,396 (attorney docket M-9897 US, client reference DC-02827), filed on January 31, 2001, entitled "Pull to Customer Order



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Demand Fulfillment System and Method' and naming as inventors David J. Lyon, Tomasz P. Wala, Mark R. Graban, Lee B. Beard, Kevin T. Jones, and Thomas J. Clark, the application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 16 with the following replacement paragraph.

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This application related to application serial no. 09/847,444 (attorney docket M-9897-1P US, client reference DC-02827-A), filed on same day herewith, entitled "Closed Loop Demand Fulfillment System and Method" and naming as inventors Richard M. Anthony, Kevin T. Jones, Mark R. Graban, Stephen C. Cook, Edward P. Langan, David W. McGuire, and Shay D. Scott, the application being incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Attachment B contains marked up versions of the replacement paragraphs illustrating the newly introduced changes in the specification.

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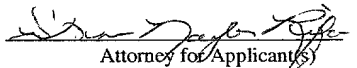
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## REMARKS

The amendments made herein are not substantive. The amendments to the title and abstract are made to reflect the inventors named in the Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney filed on August 14, 2001 for the present application. Additional amendments are made to correct inventor names in a related application and to provide a serial number for another related application. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments.

Please call the undersigned at (512) 794-3600 if there are any questions.

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## ATTACHMENT B

In the following, insertions are in bold typeface and underlined, and deletions are in bold typeface and enclosed in brackets.

The following paragraph starting on page 1, line 6 is amended as follows.

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